1.	Asperbank sanction 151.64 (208.90-95.78)	= Rs. 38.52 crores
2.	Saving in executed works	= Rs. 16.83 crores
3.	Two works proposed to be desanctioned	= Rs. 1.69 crores
		= Rs. 1.37 crores
	TOTAL:	= Rs. 58.41 crores

The State P WD framed fresh proposals as per the new guidelines, Issued by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, for Rs. 50.50 crores *vide* letter dated 21 -8-2002 and 30-8-2002 which remains pending with the Ministry. Since 2003 has been declared as Tourism Year by the Government of India, special attention has been given to roads leading to places of tourist and religious importance.

About 28 NH works amounting to Rs. 81.61 crores, 2 BOT works amounting toRs. 93.38 crores and 13 old works with revised estimates are lying pending for approval.

I, therefore, urge upon the Government to consider the new proposals and approve all pending projects immediately.

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MATTER RAISED WITH PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR

Incidents of killings and kidnappings by the NLFT and ATTF militants in the State of Tripura

SHRIMATIL AL SARKAR (Tripura): At the outset, I would like to thank you, Madam Deputy Chairman, for having given me an opportunity.

I am raising here one serious matter of terrorist attack in Tripura. Last night, towards the end of the night, some armed NLFT militants lodged an attack on the village Satchhari at Simna in Tripura gunned down the lives of 18 men and women, and caused injuries to many others. The same day, another group of NLFT terrorists killed the local committee member of CPI(M), Shri Dinesh Pal and his wife at Fatik Roy in Tripura. Both of them had to remain out of their house for a long time due to the fear of terrorists. But, on that fateful day, they returned to their home, and their lives were snatched away.

Day-before-yesterday, Shriniati SwamamalaDebBama, Acting Chairperson of nine-member Asharam Ban Committee, a leader of CPI(M), was also gunned down.

Besides this, a series of incidents of killings and kidnappings by the NLFT and All h militants are taking place in Tripura. In this grave and warming situation,

it is experienced, with great regret, that the Central Government has withdrawn two battalions of Army, and also some battalions of the CRPF and the BSFfrom Tripura.

I would urge upon the Government, particularly, the hon. Deputy Prime Minister and Home Minister to send Army and paramilitary forces immediately to assist the State Government in its firm bid to combat terrorism effectively. I also urge upon the Central Government to take up the matter of infiltration of militants with the Government of Bangladesh, where they manage to hide and run away after lodging attacks in the villages of Tripura. This matter is very serious and of urgent nature.

I would, therefore, request the Central Government and the Ministers present here to interact and take an immediate action in this regard.

SHRIJIBON ROY (West Bengal): Madam, the Central Government should do something. The Army is withdrawn, the Paramilitary Forces are withdrawn. ... *(Interruptions)*.... These militants are coming from the Border and killing the innocent people. ... *(Interruptions)*....

SHRI N1LOTPAL B ASU (West Bengal): Madam, it is a very serious issue. Eighteen people are killed in one night. ...*(Interruptions)*.... We discuss Jammu ...*(Interruptions)*....

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTAPvY AFFAIRS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): Madam, I would like to tell the hon. Members that I will convey this message to the Minister concerned. ... *(Interruptions)*...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Please convey the message to the Home Minister. This is a very serious issue ... *(Interruptions)*...

SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL : Madam, I will convey the message.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : And, it is happening in a small place like Tripura. ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI JIBON ROY : Madam, paramilitary forces are being withdrawn. ... *(Interruptions)*...

SHRI NILOTPAL BASU : The requests of the State Government to the Central Government are pending, and companies of military and paramilitary

forces are being withdrawn. And, it is very clear that these terrorists are not from within the State, but they are operating from across the border. So, it is beyond the control of the State Government to tackle the situation.

SHRIO. RAJAGOPAL: Madam, I have already submitted that I will convey this message to the Home Minister ... *(Inerruptions)*...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: He has already committed that he is going to convey this message to the Home Minister as to what should be done in this respect.

SHRI SHANKAR ROY CHOWDHURY (West Bengal): Madam, can we have a Short Duration discussion on cross-border terrorism from Bangladesh and Tripura?

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: You can ask for it. If there is time, 1 am sure, we will have a discussion.

SHRI SHANKAR ROY CHOWDHURY: If not in this Session, can we have it in the next Session?

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: If it is not done in this Session, we can have it in the next Session.

SHRI SHANKAR ROY CHOWDHURY: Madam, I request you to kindly doit.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: You can make a request, and then we wfll see. Ms. Pramila Bohidar.

SPECIAL MENTION—(Contd.)

Distress sale of paddy by farmers in Orissa

MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR (Orissa): Madam, although FCI has opened eight purchase centres in Sambalpur and Bargarh disticts to procure paddy directly from farmers, it had not purchased a single grain on the pretext of non-availability of FAQ paddy thereby facilitating the millers to purchase paddy much below the rate fixed by the Government There are allegations from farmers that they have sold their hard-earned produce much below the Government rate. The FCI should not succumb to the pressure of the millers and procure the